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TO:

Marlene H Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

REQUEST FOR WAIVER

CC Docket No. 02-6

Requesting Waiver of the Rules on Deadlines to File for an Invoice Extension

Submitted by:

Barbara E. Berkenpas, JD, Consultant for the Applicant  
Applicant: Madelia School District 837 in Minnesota  
Billed Entity: 133784  
Funding Year: 2014-2015  
Form 471 Application: 953061  
Funding Request No: 2590707; 2590708; 2590710  
Service Provider: Christensen Communications Company  
SPIN: 1430021147  
Invoice#: Unknown  
Invoice Amount: \$26,364.03

Dear Mrs. Dortch:

Madelia School District 837 is respectfully requesting a Waiver for of the rules of Invoice Deadline Extensions due to extenuating circumstances.

A BEAR was originally sent with an error in the date of service. 07/2013 was listed but it should have been 07/2014. As soon as the error was discovered, the corrected BEAR was sent to SLD before the last date to invoice. The BEAR was sent certified return receipt requested since it was being sent on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October which was just two days prior to the deadline. The tracking information shows that it was delivered to the Kansas location on the 29<sup>th</sup> which was one day after the deadline. But it was clearly mailed prior to the deadline.

After tracking the BEAR and seeing that it was not being processed, a call was made to Client Service Bureau. We were advised that since it was sent before the last date to invoice, we should submit a request to USAC for a deadline extension request.

SLD/USAC has denied the request. After receiving conflicting information from USAC/SLD, we have concluded that the only way to protect these funds is to file a request of a waiver of the rules for filing an invoice deadline extension.

Granting the deadline extension will in no way promote waste, fraud or abuse. The FCC has demonstrated waiving guidelines and procedures for good cause. Our position is that this request shows good cause.

The payments have been made to the provider and we are now simply requesting a waiver of the invoice deadline extension rule so the applicant can be reimbursed. We respectfully request approval of the waiver which will allow the school district to recover funds that were committed and paid for in full in a timely manner.

For the Applicant

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara E. Berkenpas".

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